information for processing of the application for grant of recognition to Bhubaneswar Stock Exchange have been received only in April, 1989. The application is being processed and a decision in the matter will be taken early.

Gold smuggling on Tripura-Bangladesh Border

*155. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is sufficient BSF in the Tripura-Bangladesh border areas; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for which smuggling of gold is continuing unabated?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) There is sufficient strength of BSF on Tripura-Bangladesh border for preventing infiltration, smuggling and other border crimes.

(b) During the year 1988, Rs. 94,427 worth of gold and silver were seized by BSF on Tripura-Bangladesh border. No gold was seized during the year 1989 (upto February).

Border dispute between Uttar Pradesh and Bihar

*156. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is renewed tension on the border of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar in Ballia and Bhojpur districts due to the long standing border dispute between the two States;

(b) whether there was a judgement of Allahabad High Court regarding this dispute and if so, what steps are being taken to implement that judgement;

(c) how many persons have been killed/injured due to the border disputes during the last three years; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to solve this problem?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The inter-State boundary being well-demarcated, there is no border dispute as such between the two States. However, tensions do develop specially during the harvesting season on account of claims and counter claims over tenancy rights.

(b) Yes, Sir, the judgement of the Allahabad High Court delivered in February 1988 has been implemented by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh.

(c) According to the available information, no one was killed and only three persons were injured during the years 1987, 1988 and 1989 (upto April).

(d) The Central Government are keeping in touch with the Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar to assist them in resolving the issue on an agreed basis.

राष्ट्रीय एकता परिषद की बैठक

*157. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या गृह मंत्री 2 मार्च, 1989 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न संख्या 1105 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या राष्ट्रीय एकता परिषद् और उसकी स्थायी समिति की बैठक बुलाने के मुद्दे पर कोई निर्णय अभी तक लिया गया है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो ये बैठकें कब तक होंगी ?

गृह मंत्री (श्री बूटा सिंह) : (क) और (ख) राष्ट्रीय एकता परिषद की पिछली बैठक 12.9.1986 को और स्थायी समिति की बैठक 23.6.1987 को हुई थी। राष्ट्रीय एकता परिषद अथवा राष्ट्रीय एकता परिषद की स्थायी समिति की बैठक बुलाने का अभी तक कोई निर्णय नहीं लिया गया है।